

APPENDIX 1STANDARDS COMMITTEETERMS OF REFERENCE

The Standards Committee will have the following powers and duties:

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors, co-opted members and “church” and parent governor representatives;
- (b) assisting Councillors, co-opted members and “church” and parent governor representatives to observe the Members’ Code of Conduct;
- (c) advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members’ Code of Conduct;
- (d) monitoring the operation of the Members’ Code of Conduct;
- (e) developing and recommending local protocols to the Council to supplement the Members’ Code of Conduct;
- (f) enforcing local protocols and applying sanctions in respect of breaches as appropriate;
- (g) advising, training or arranging to train Councillors, co-opted members and “church” and parent governor representatives on matters relating to the Members’ Code of Conduct;
- (h) granting dispensations to Councillors, co-opted members and “church” and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members’ Code of Conduct;
- (i) dealing with any reports from a case tribunal or interim case tribunal, and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter which is referred by an Ethical Standards Officer to the Monitoring Officer;
- (j) to keep under review and amend, as appropriate, the Protocol on Councillor/Officer Relations;
- (k) to keep under review the Officer Code of Conduct and, after consultation with unions representing staff, make recommendations to Council for amendment or addition;
- (l) to receive reports and keep a general overview of probity matters arising from ombudsman investigations, Monitoring Officer reports, reports of the Chief Financial Officer and Audit Commission;
- (m) to have oversight of the Council’s whistleblowing policy;
- (n) to agree the policy for decisions on payments to those adversely affected by Council maladministration (under section 92 Local Government Act 2000)

HEARING PANEL**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Hearing Panel has the following powers and duties

To hear local determinations

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Member Development Panel will have the following powers and duties:

- (a) to have oversight of the annual programme of member development;
- (b) to prepare and assist in the delivery of the induction of new Councillors following the Borough elections or any by-election;
- (c) to have oversight of the resources allocated for member development and make recommendations to Council for the appropriate resources for the member development function;
- (d) to liaise with external agencies providing development opportunities for members and procure their services as appropriate.